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Ms. Eugenia Chow, P.E.
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Re: Federal FY2018 128a Funds – Initial Funding Request

Dear Ms. Chow,

The Bureau of Corrective Actions (BCA) continues to maintain, update and enhance the State of Nevada Response Program capabilities with Federal 128a grant funding. The funding supports the Brownfields Program, Environmental Assistance Program (EAP), Certification Program (CP), the Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Branch, and the Remediation Branch in the following capacities: 1. Everyday maintenance and oversight of these programs; 2. Maintaining and enhancing the public record; 3. Conducting outreach to communities throughout Nevada; 4. Reviewing the eligibility of potential Brownfield projects (including petroleum eligibility for 104K grantees) and managing existing Brownfields projects; and 5. Attending training, conferences, and meetings for programs the 128a grant supports.

Over the past year, Nevada's economy has experienced a shift from the recessive state of the past few years. This has created a need for the turnaround of remediation eligible Brownfield sites for business development. This is the justification for an increase in funding for Contractual work and the consistent funding of personnel. The State Brownfields Program has made a concerted effort to work with Nevada's more rural communities to determine what portion of their property is being underutilized due to hazardous material and petroleum releases. We see this effort come to fruition in the counties of Esmeralda, Mineral, and Nye. All have been identified through a previous 104K Brownfields grant to need further assessment in SFY2019. These properties had ESA Phase I assessments completed and need ESA Phase II assessments to move forward for redevelopment into viable commercial properties. The NDEP Brownfields Program is excited to leverage 128a funding with 104K grant recipients.

BCA is continuing to update the Project Tracking database. Funds will be expended to include the Spill Reporting Hotline, Certification Program, and Brownfields Program. By incorporating all program areas, the database provides a more efficient means of tracking assessment and remediation cases while providing public transparency. Additionally, NDEP updated their website (www.ndep.nv.gov) in SFY2018. The database is integrated with this update providing direct links for users. BCA developed its website for SFY2019 to provide mechanisms for greater public participation and program accessibility. This includes online program registration, online spill reporting, and updates to all pertinent information.

The EAP will be updating the State Hazardous Material Response Plan according to the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The need was identified to completely overhaul the Response plan from a resource guide to a working document. This is a collaborative effort between several stakeholders including the State Fire Marshall and Division of Emergency Management. The EAP is completing the update to the

Enhanced Mitigation and Hazard Plan. This plan identifies potential hazards in the State as potential sources of future mitigation. For this year, the EAP will be collaborating with the EPA Onsite Coordinator (OSC) to complete the Walker River Geographic Response Plan (GRP) and update the Carson River GRP. A major part of the update will be to create GIS based documents for both GRPs.


The AML Branch continues to collaborate with federal and state AML agencies, local jurisdictions, and industry. The AML Branch will continue to provide PA/SI site screens to EPA, and discuss AML site priorities with the EPA Project Officer. The AML Branch will continue to develop the web-based geospatial database, and share data and information with key AML partners and stakeholders. The AML Branch will continue to work with the EPA QA Officer on development and approval of the AML QAPrP, and will aim to finalize the QAPrP during FFY 18. Eligible AML sites will be evaluated for inclusion under the Brownfields Program for redevelopment.

Please refer to the attached documents that have been developed in support of the 128a grant initial funding request for the State of Nevada.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (775) 687-9545.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: CERCLA Section 128(a) State or Tribal Response Initial Funding Request

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